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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application Of)
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Christopher S. ORDISH et al.)
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Serial No.: 09/010,919)
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Filed: January 23, 1998)
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For: OFFER MATCHING SYSTEM)

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Examiner: TBA
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The Honorable Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

A check in the appropriate amount is included for the additional claims. If additional fees are required, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to debit our deposit account no. 19-0733.

In The Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-20.

Please add new claims as follows:

43. A system for exchanging signals relating to at least a bid and an offer, the system comprising:
a network connected to workstations;
a first workstation of said workstations sending a first signal to said network signaling a bid or an offer in response to an initial offer or initial bid;
a second workstation of said workstations, said second workstation receiving a second signal indicative of said bid or said offer from said network and for sending an acknowledgement of said

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